

In the Claims:

1. (currently amended) A method of transferring information comprising the steps of:

a) ~~a first handheld device causing an account to be accessed that is stored on a remote server, said account reserved for a second handheld device and describing a complement of information stored in said second handheld device;~~

at a remote server, responsive to a receiving signal from a first mobile computing device, accessing an account stored on said remote server, said account reserved for a second mobile computing device, said account describing information that is not stored in said second mobile computing device;

b) modifying said account ~~modified~~ to identify an information that resides on said remote server but not on said second ~~handheld~~ mobile computing device;

e) ~~said second handheld device establishing a connection with said remote server; and~~

[d)] c) responsive to establishing a connection with said second mobile computing device, said remote server automatically determining from said account that said information is new to said second ~~handheld~~ mobile computing device, and in response ~~thereto~~ to said determining, automatically downloading said information to said second ~~handheld~~ mobile computing device ~~while providing access to other handheld devices for said information.~~

2. (currently amended) A method as described in Claim 1 further comprising the step of ~~said first handheld device sending~~ said remote server receiving a token identifying said information and said second ~~handheld~~ mobile computing device, and wherein said token causes said account to be modified by said remote server.

3. (currently amended) A method as described in Claim 1 wherein said first and said second ~~handheld~~ mobile computing devices are ~~handheld~~ portable electronic computer systems.

4. (original) A method as described in Claim 1 wherein said information is a version of an application program.

5. (currently amended) A method as described in Claim 4 wherein said account comprises an application version record table comprising an entry for each application stored in said second ~~handheld~~ mobile computing device and wherein each entry comprises: an application identifier; a version identifier; and a user identifier.

6. (currently amended) A method as described in Claim 1 wherein said step of automatically downloading said information to said second ~~handheld~~ mobile computing device, of step [d] c), is performed only if said first ~~handheld~~

mobile computing device has authority to download to said second ~~handheld~~
mobile computing device.

7. (currently amended) A method as described in Claim 6 wherein said authority is established via an express grant of permission from said second ~~handheld~~ mobile computing device to said first ~~handheld~~ mobile computing device.

8. (currently amended) A method as described in Claim 6 wherein said authority is established via a user confirmation that is made in response to a user message displayed on a display screen of said second ~~handheld~~ mobile computing device.

9. (original) A method as described in Claim 1 wherein said remote server is a web based server.

10. (currently amended) A method as described in Claim 1 wherein said step d) is performed within a synchronization process between said remote server and said second ~~handheld~~ mobile computing device.

11. (currently amended) A method as described in Claim 1 wherein said step d) is performed within a synchronization process between a host computer system and said second ~~handheld~~ mobile computing device.

12. (currently amended) A system comprising:

a receiver ~~handheld~~ mobile computing device;

a remote server containing an account reserved for said receiver ~~handheld~~ mobile computing device which describes a complement of information stored in said receiver ~~handheld~~ mobile computing device;

a sender ~~handheld~~ mobile computing device for causing said account to be modified to identify an information that resides on said remote server but not on said receiver ~~handheld~~ mobile computing device;

wherein said receiver ~~handheld~~ mobile computing device is for establishing a connection with said remote server; and

wherein said remote server is for automatically determining, from said account, that said information is new to said receiver ~~handheld~~ mobile computing device and automatically for downloading said information to said receiver ~~handheld~~ mobile computing device ~~while providing access to other handheld devices for said information.~~

13. (currently amended) A system as described in Claim 12 wherein said sender ~~handheld~~ mobile computing is for sending said remote server a token identifying both said information and said receiver ~~handheld~~ mobile computing and wherein said token causes said remote server to modify said account.

14. (currently amended) A system as described in Claim 12 wherein said sender and said receiver ~~handheld~~ mobile computing devices are ~~handheld~~ mobile computing computer systems.

15. (original) A system as described in Claim 12 wherein said information is a version of an application program.

16. (currently amended) A system as described in Claim 15 wherein said account comprises an application version record table comprising an entry for each application stored in said receiver ~~handheld~~ mobile computing device and wherein each entry comprises: an application identifier; a version identifier; and a user identifier.

17. (currently amended) A system as described in Claim 12 wherein said remote server is also for determining if said sender ~~handheld~~ mobile computing device has authority to download to said receiver ~~handheld~~ mobile computing device as a precursor to downloading said information to said receiver ~~handheld~~ mobile computing device.

18. (currently amended) A system as described in Claim 17 wherein said authority is established via an express grant of permission from said receiver to said sender ~~handheld~~ mobile computing device.

19. (currently amended) A system as described in Claim 17 wherein said authority is established via a user confirmation that is made in response to a user message displayed on a display screen of said receiver ~~handheld~~ mobile computing device.

20. (original) A system as described in Claim 12 wherein said remote server is a web based server.

21. (currently amended) A system comprising:
a receiver ~~handheld~~ mobile computing computer;
a web based server containing an account reserved for said receiver ~~handheld~~ mobile computing computer which describes a complement of information stored in said receiver ~~handheld~~ mobile computing computer;
a sender ~~handheld~~ mobile computing computer for causing said account to be modified to identify an information that resides on said web based server but not on said receiver ~~handheld~~ mobile computing compute;
wherein said receiver ~~handheld~~ mobile computing computer is for establishing a connection with said web based server; and
wherein said web based server automatically determines, from said account, that said information is new to said receiver ~~handheld~~ mobile computing computer, also determines if said sender ~~handheld~~ mobile computing computer

has authority to download to said receiver ~~handheld~~ mobile computing computer, and if so, automatically downloads said information to said receiver ~~handheld~~ mobile computing computer ~~while providing access to other handheld devices for~~ said information.

22. (currently amended) A system as described in Claim 21 wherein said sender ~~handheld~~ mobile computing is for sending said remote server a token identifying both said information and said receiver ~~handheld~~ mobile computing and wherein said token causes said web based server to modify said account.

23. (original) A system as described in Claim 21 wherein said information is a version of an application program.

24. (currently amended) A system as described in Claim 21 wherein said account comprises an application version record table comprising an entry for each application stored in said receiver ~~handheld~~ mobile computing computer and wherein each entry comprises: an application identifier; a version identifier; and a user identifier.